

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:
 - a first display section configured to display one or more of a plurality of images;
 - a first category designation section configured to designate one category from among a plurality of categories, provided to each of the one or more images displayed through the first display section;
 - a classification section configured to categorize each of the one or more images displayed through the first display section into one or more categories designated by the first category designation section;
 - a second category designation section configured to designate one or more categories among the one or more categories classified by the classification section;
 - a second reduced image display section configured to display ~~one or more~~ reduced images of said images, each of which belongs to any of the one or more categories designated by the second category designation section; ~~and~~
 - a selection section configured to select two or more images from among the reduced images displayed in the reduced image display section;
 - a comparison section configured to display and compare the two or more images selected by the selection section;
 - an image processing section configured to process at least one image processing of reducing processing, enlarging processing, and moving processing on the two or more images displayed in the comparison section; and

a selective designation section configured to select and designate an image from among the images displayed through the ~~second display~~ comparison section.

2. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the first display section includes any one of a browse display section configured to display a plurality of reduced images in an array, and a view display section configured to display one single image.

Claim 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a storage control ~~means~~ unit for grouping one or more images selected and designated through the selective designation ~~means~~ section and storing the grouped images into the same area in a recording medium.

Claims 5 and 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) An image processing method comprising:
a first step of displaying one or more images of a plurality of images;
a second step of designating a category to which each of the one or more images belongs, by means of a category designation section provided to each of the one or more images;

a third step of classifying each of the one or more images displayed through the first display section into the category designated by the second step;

a fourth step of displaying ~~one or more~~ reduced images of images that belong to any one or more of the categories classified by the third step; and

a fifth step of selecting ~~and designating an image~~ two or more images from

among the reduced images displayed in the fourth step[.]] ;

a sixth step of displaying the two or more images selected in the fifth step in a comparison section;

a seventh step of performing at least one image processing of reducing processing, enlarging processing, and moving processing on the two or more images displayed in the sixth step; and

an eighth step of selecting and designating an image from among the images subjected to the image processing in the seventh step.

Claims 8-25. (Cancelled)